

Northeast Regional Tournament Special Awards February 28, 2026

DaVinci Award for having a unique approach to a solution, for risk taking, and/or for outstanding creativity (not skill or talent)

148-57237 Sevastopol / Penguins With Pizzazz

Outstanding craftsmanship of snow globe, snow storm and brain model.

While spending time in Antarctica in late February may not sound all that nice, the beauty, attention to detail and shock factor this team brought to this scene made it hard to walk away. With every new set piece that entered the scene, our jaws were on the floor. From a 3d printed brain model that lit up when a circuit was completed, a shocking and believable avalanche distraction, to a life-size snow globe constructed so thoughtfully and creatively, this team had it all. Truly a performance that had us waiting eagerly to see what they would do next, as all pieces, one after the next, were show stoppers. Bravo penguin pizzazz.

Renaissance: *for outstanding skill in the areas of design, engineering, execution, or performance*

148-52059 Shawano School District / The 9 Sneaky Penguin Skaters

In terms of engineering and design the team's tree was built to support their story.

In their story, the team used cardboard, paint, and paper to design their tree which was a key element to their story as cats were stuck in the tree. In the engineering, the trunk was on large piece of cardboard box to create a 3D tree. The top of the tree was made of separate cardboard pieces that were glue together to look like leaves. The leaves were then slid into an opening in the front of the trunk of the tree. Additionally, they painted both the trunk and

the leaves. Furthermore, they added paper to the back of the trunk so when the tree "guy was on fire" the team members were able to flip the paper so it looked as if the tree was on fire. This was an essential choice to support the team's story.